

50,000 Eligible to Vote Here on Tuesday

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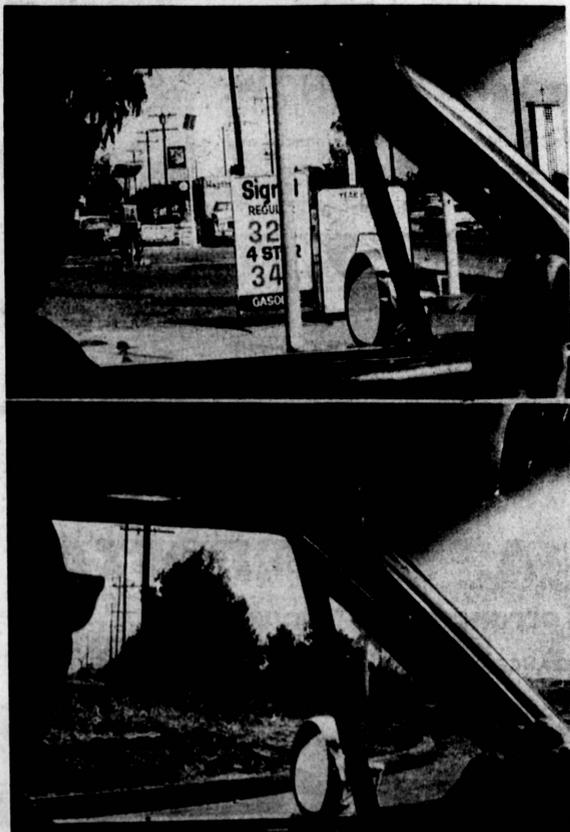


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Playing Blind Man's Bluff



IN CORNER POCKET ... Negotiating some of the city's better traveled corners is a daily test in derring-do for many Torrance motorists as these on-the-spot photos show. Signs, weeds, and other objects bar a clear view of many busy intersections. In the photo above, two cars are approaching from the left, one is visible, the other is not. Below, a car is hidden by weeds—it popped out in front of this vehicle just after the picture was taken.
(Press-Herald Photos by Gordon Akers)

A City Council Majority To Be Elected by Voters

Nearly 50,000 residents are eligible to cast ballots in Tuesday's municipal election for a mayor, three members of the City Council, a city treasurer, and city clerk.

Voters also will be asked to decide the fate of three amendments to the city's charter. One of the proposals would write into the charter

Auto Theft Charge Puts Two in Jail

Two Torrance men were arrested on charges of grand theft early yesterday after they were discovered in a hot-wired car.

William Fay Porter, 25 of 1027 1/2 Cota Ave., and John Henry Nuttbrock, 23, of 1720 Cabrillo Ave., were taken into custody about 1:15 a.m. at 24650 Crenshaw Blvd.

A witness told Torrance police he had watched the two men hot-wire a late model automobile.

Area Home Ransacked

A vacationing Torrance couple found their home ransacked Friday when they returned.

William J. Lawrence, 17002 Ermanita St., told police he and his family found all cabinets and storage areas ransacked when they returned from a six-day vacation.

provisions of an ordinance banning topless attire in public places, while the other two provisions would increase salaries of the mayor and the city council.

An estimated 40 per cent of the eligible voters are expected to go to the polls, which will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The Press-Herald, in editorials published last Wednesday and Sunday, has recommended the re-election of Mayor Albert Isen, who is seeking a third term as mayor. Incumbent City Clerk Vernon W. Coll and City Treasurer Thomas C. Rupert also have been recommended for re-election by this newspaper.

In the council race, the

Press-Herald has endorsed the bids of incumbent Ken Miller and of Orin P. (Bud) Johnson, former assistant city manager, and banker Edward (Ed) Talbert.

A "no" vote on Charter Amendments A and B—the salary proposals—is urged by the Press-Herald, while a "yes" vote on Amendment C—the so-called Go Go Amendment—is recommended.

Precinct-by-precinct returns will be flashed on a screen in the city council chambers at City Hall Tuesday evening, beginning about 7:30 p.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served throughout the evening. There will be no council meeting Tuesday since it is prohibited by state election law.



WE RECOMMEND ... In editorials published during the past week, the Press-Herald has recommended these candidates for election. From left are Albert Isen, whose re-election as mayor is recommended; and City Council candidates Ken Miller, Orin P. (Bud)

Johnson, and Edward (Ed) Talbert. The Press-Herald also has recommended the election of incumbents Vernon W. Coll as city clerk and Thomas C. Rupert as city treasurer. Other Press-Herald comments may be found on today's editorial page.

Chapel Urging Branch Of 'Cal' for Torrance

Early Torrance Resident, Civic Leader Is Dead

Richard R. (Dick) Smith, one of the city's earliest residents and its second mayor, was buried yesterday following his death this week just before his 94th birthday.

Mr. Smith, who was born on April 22, 1872, received the first building permit for a home in the newly founded city of Torrance in the winter of 1912 and built the family home at 2004 Carson St., a home he was to occupy for the next 47 years. In recent years, he and Mrs. Smith have resided at 1617 Flower St. in Torrance.

DURING HIS 54 years as a Torrance resident, Mr. Smith was one of the city's most active citizens. He be-

gan early with the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, the only form of city government present in the early years, and after the city's incorporation, served as its second mayor from April, 1922, until April, 1925.

Mr. Smith came to Torrance with the city's first industry, the Union Tool Co., now the National Supply Division of Armo. During World War I, he was a member of the local draft board that sat in Redondo Beach, and continued that role through World War II when he sat as a member of the War Labor Board and as a member of Appeal Board No. 12 for the Selective Service System. His service earned for him the Selective Service achievement medal and two certificates from President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Calm Duo Takes TV Sets, Cash

Two unhurried gunmen escaped from a Torrance television store Thursday evening with \$70 in cash and two television sets.

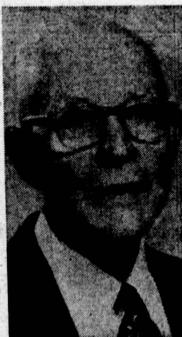
Elvas F. Whittenberg, 44, owner of a store at 2223 Torrance Blvd., told police the two men entered his store about 8 p.m. and began discussing the purchase of a television set.

After some 10 minutes, Whittenberg said, one of the men told his partner, "If you're going to do it, let's do it."

With that, the second gunman pulled a small pistol and told Whittenberg, "This is it—this is a hold up. Where do you keep your money?"

Whittenberg directed the two men to a cash drawer, but told them another employee had the key to the store safe. The gunmen, both in their early 20s, scooped up the cash and ordered Whittenberg into a small restroom.

The two men then picked up two portable television sets and left the store. The total loss was pegged at \$295.



RICHARD R. SMITH
Early Mayor Dies

Police, Teener Battle

A 17-year-old boy was in custody at Juvenile Hall yesterday after he attacked a police officer in the emergency room at the Little Company of Mary Hospital.

The youth was charged with assaulting a peace officer.

Police said the chain of events which led to the youth's arrest started Friday afternoon when the boy was stopped on Alaska Street near Maple Street for speeding on a motorcycle.

THE BOY insisted that the officer had no right to give him a ticket and announced he intended to continue riding, despite the ticket. At that point, he was taken into protective custody and placed in the juvenile detention room at the Torrance City Jail. The boy's father was called and told police he would pick up the youth about 6 p.m.

About 1:50 p.m. the boy was found on the floor of the detention room complaining of severe pain. He was taken to Little Company of Mary Hospital by Officer R. W. Lydon.

The youth was placed in bed in the hospital emergency room to await the outcome of some tests. About 2:45 p.m. he got out of the bed and demanded a cigarette. Lydon told him to get back in bed.

LYDON SAID the youth refused, telling him that no one could tell him what to do. The youth then pushed the officer out of the door and started out of the room. When Lydon attempted to stop him, the youth grabbed him around the neck, punched him, spit on him, and wrestled him to the floor.

Lydon struck his head on the floor and was dazed. A nurse summoned three doctors and called the Torrance Police Department for help. Three officers were sent to the hospital and they helped the trio of doctors strap the youth in bed.

Juvenile officers were called to take over the investigation and the youth was taken back to the city jail. He was transferred to Juvenile Hall later in the afternoon.

Officer Lydon was treated for injuries to his head and neck.

Says University Official Warm To His Proposal

Construction of a campus of the University of California in Torrance "within the next five years" was raised as a possibility yesterday by Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel (R-Palos Verdes).

Chapel in his weekly "Sacramento Report," said he had been in touch with a representative of the University and is convinced that the new campus can become a reality "if all of us get behind that one site (Torrance) and avoid bickering."

The assemblyman would not identify the University representative, but said the man is "not an egg-head" and is "personally enthusiastic about having a new campus in the area."

AN EXAMINATION of maps of the general area leads him to believe that the new branch of the University can be located in the city of Torrance if the high-rise or skyscraper concept is not abandoned," Chapel said.

Chapel said he first raised the question of a University campus in the general South-west area in a letter to Dr. Clark Kerr, president of the University of California. The assemblyman and a representative of Dr. Kerr's staff discussed the matter in Chapel's Sacramento office.

"There were no promises made," Chapel said, "but it is my opinion that sooner or later there will be new branches of the University of California in what is generally described as the South Bay area."

THE UNIVERSITY budget has made provisions for research, development, and selection of a new site for a new campus in Los Angeles County, Chapel reported. He also said one city in the northeastern part of the county has tried to get the new campus.

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Endorsement Denied

Members of the Torrance Fire Fighters, Local 1138, have not endorsed any candidate for City Council in Tuesday's election, President Howard Schneider told the Press-Herald yesterday. "A city ordinance prohibits city employees from endorsing or campaigning for candidates in local elections," Schneider said. He said the Torrance Fire Fighters had been identified as endorsing a candidate in campaign literature sent to Torrance voters. He said the use of the name was erroneous and "without our consent."

Budget Meeting Slated

The Torrance Board of Education will hold a special meeting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the 1966-67 school budget. A preliminary budget submitted last week calls for expenditures of \$21.1 million, up nearly 15 per cent from the 1965-66 school year. Trustees will meet at the board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo.

Registrars at Libraries

Thursday is the deadline for voters to register if they intend to vote in the June 7 primary elections, a spokesman for the League of Women Voters has reminded residents. Deputy registrars will be on duty at all Torrance libraries tomorrow from 7 until 9 p.m. and at the El Retiro, and North Torrance libraries from 7 until 9 p.m. Thursday. Voters also may register at the city hall offices of City Clerk Vernon W. Coll between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.